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REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of the repeated telephone interviews regarding the above-referenced Restriction Requirement. In accordance with the agreement between the undersigned attorney and Examiner Thomas, reached on November 18, 2002, Applicants cancel claims 47-54 without prejudice to the underlying subject matter. The cancellation of these claims is made solely for the purpose of expediting prosecution and is not tantamount to an admission regarding the patentability of any claims or whether any separately claimed subject matter is or is not patentably distinct. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims and the subject matter therein in one or more subsequently filed applications. Further to the agreement between the attorney for the Applicants and the Examiner, it is understood that the Restriction Requirement (Paper No. 6) will be withdrawn by the Examiner immediately.

It is respectfully requested that a notice of withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement be provided to the Applicants immediately. Claims 1-33 are believed to be patentable and in immediate form for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that these claims be examined on their merits and a subsequent notice of allowance be issued.

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Respectfully submitted,

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